

# PACS PROGRAM

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## CLASS OVERVIEW

First, you may be wondering what PACS stands for? PACS stands for: Program for Academic and Community Success. Students in this program are pursuing a Maryland Certificate of Completion. Students pursuing a Certificate of Completion take courses that are designed to provide specialized instruction and real life experiences to prepare students with significant disabilities for life beyond high school.

## CURRICULUM

We are very fortunate to use the Unique Learning System as our program to guide curriculum. This program connects with state standards and allows educators to differentiate instruction based on individual needs. Along with Unique, we utilize a number of interventions such as Edmentum, Edmark, Readtopia, and Equals.

## MATERIALS

The following are suggestions to help with organization:

- markers/crayons
  - glue sticks
  - pencils
  - lined paper
  - Home Communication Folder
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## EXPECTATIONS

Be POSITIVE  
Be RESPECTFUL  
Be PRESENT  
Be KIND

## UNIQUE OVERVIEW

Unique focuses on a new unit each month. This year, the monthly units are as follows:

**September:** Leaders in Our Lives  
(Government)

**October:** Knowing Our Ecosystems (Life Science)

**November:** Where Does It Come From?  
(Geography)

**December:** Traditions Around the World

**January:** What's the Matter (Physical Science)

**February:** Leaders for Peace and Equality  
(History)

**March:** Energy is Everywhere (Physical Science)

**April:** But I Want It! (Economics)

**May:** Our Changing Earth (Earth/Space Science)

**June:** Summer Unit